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## NEGRO ISSUE STILL GRIPS STATE LEGISLATURE

### BANDS LEAD W. C. HANDY TO FINAL RESTING PLACE

#### GABRIEL NOW HAS UNDERSTUDY REV. POWELL SAYS IN FINAL TRIBUTE TO W. C. HANDY

#### Funeral Of Author Of St. Louis Blues Draws Crowd Of 150,000 To Harlem

#### Memphis Offers Final Resting Place In W. C. Handy Memorial Park

New York, Apr. 7.—(Special)—Gabriel now has an understudy, Rev. Adam Clayton Powell said a few minutes before the sad trumpet of "Cootie" Williams blew a requiem for famed Negro composer, W. C. Handy, "Father of the Blues," last Wednesday morning.

Mr. Handy, who was 84 years old, died Friday. Last rites for the composer of the "St. Louis Blues" were conducted at the Abyssinian Baptist Church, 132 West 138th Street.

The police estimated that 150,000 persons watched the slow progress at the funeral procession, led by the 30-piece brass band of the Prince Hall Masonic Temple, 454 West 151st Street.

A sleek maroon Cadillac hearse, rather than the traditional black-plumed horses of New Orleans, bore the coffin of Mr. Handy to his resting place at Woodlawn Cemetery, the Bronx.

Nearly 2,500 persons crowded the hearse.



IN NEW CRUSADE: Rev. Martin Luther King, leader of 2,000 Negroes who demonstrated last Sunday on the state capitol grounds at Montgomery, Ala., against injustice in Alabama courts.

#### New Handy Tune To Be Sung In Coming Movie "St. Louis Blues"

HOLLYWOOD.—An original W. C. Handy song, composed 30-odd years ago, will be introduced to the general public in Paramount's "St. Louis Blues," dramatization of Handy's life from childhood to his 40th year.

The new song, now titled "Morning Star" is sung twice in the picture, first by Nat "King" Cole in solo, and later by Cole and Mahalia Jackson, the renowned gospel singer.

When first written, it was titled

"Shine Like A Morning Star" and was presented as a spiritual. According to Handy's music publishing house, the song has not been heard in public anywhere except at small and selective recitals in Memphis, the composer's home town.

"Morning Star" is one of 15 Handy compositions which occupy approximately 40 minutes of "St. Louis Blues." Several of them are sung more than once by various performers in the all-star cast.

#### Langston U. Graduate Helps Author Bulletin On Livestock Marketing

Victor B. Phillips, a Langston, Okla., University graduate, who is now an agricultural economist in the U. S. Department of Agriculture, has co-authored a recent USDA bulletin, "Market Outlets for Livestock Producers."

Sharing with Mr. Phillips in the authorship is his chief, Gerald Engleman, head of the livestock section of the Market Organization and Cost Branch.

The publication presents a brief resume of the development, growth, and change in pattern of livestock market outlets in the United States. The data show a decline in sales through terminal markets, and an increase in sales through auction markets and "country" for direct selling during the past 35 years.

Mr. Phillips, who joined the staff of USDA's Agricultural Marketing (Continued on Page Four)

#### N. C. Negro Dairy Specialist Helps Write State Cow Bulletin

In a move to encourage more North Carolina farm families to own a milk cow, the State's Agricultural Extension Service published a bulletin recently entitled "The Family Cow."

One of the three authors is R.

L. Wynn, extension dairy specialist at A. & T. College.

The bulletin points up the advantages of families owning a cow, explains what to look for when buying a cow, and tells how to feed and care for one.

#### COLOR IS OVERRIDING ISSUE IN S. AFRICAN GENERAL ELECTION

Capetown, S. A. April 7.—Color is the overriding issue in the South African general election campaign now building to its climax.

Other issues have been drawn across the campaign trail. But there seems little doubt that victory on April 16 will go to the party which convinces the all-white electorate it can best handle the nation's difficult color problem. This is the question which overhangs South Africa's whole future and there is wide and heartfelt desire for its satisfactory solution.

Unless there is a dramatic polling-day turnout, current indications are that the voters will once more repose their trust for a further five years in the Afrikaner

nationalist government of Prime Minister Johannes G. Strijdom which has held office since 1948.

Mr. Strijdom's pattern for handling the problem is plain. A few days ago he told an election meeting that the Nationalists believed they had been placed in South Africa "by the Almighty" with a specific purpose—to maintain "Christian white civilization." Therefore, said the Prime Minister, it was their duty to "govern the country in such a way and to take such steps as to ensure the maintenance of Christian white civilization."

Government strategy has been to play down the sacrifices which South Africa's 3,000,000 whites (Continued on Page Four)

#### Senate Votes Approval Of Director Of Civil Rights Commission

#### Gordon McLean Tiffany Of New Hampshire Gets Post

Washington, D. C., Apr. 7.—The nomination of Gordon McLean Tiffany of New Hampshire to be the Director of the new Civil Rights Commission was approved Wednesday by the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights. The vote was 5-2.

The opposition came from the South, but not on personal grounds. At issue was the installing of the man who would start the Commission's work on complaints that minority groups were being denied (Continued on Page Six)

#### Negro Woman Lawyer Gets High Post

DETROIT.—Miss Marjorie McGowan was sworn in Friday as Detroit's first Negro woman assistant prosecutor. The ceremonies were conducted in the office of Wayne County Prosecutor Samuel H. Olson, in the presence of many officials of the prosecutor's office, Recorder's Court, Circuit Court and other offices in the city of Detroit.

The appointment was made by Prosecutor Olson.

Before coming to the Prosecutor's office, Miss McGowan served as legal advisor to the Commander of the Detroit Air Procurement District, on contract matters and personal matters, and acted in the capacity of the Judge Advocate for the military personnel assigned to the Detroit Air Procurement district.

During her tenure with the Detroit Air Procurement district, she (Continued on Page Two)

#### Pittsburgh Hall Cancels Paul Robeson Concert

Pittsburgh, Pa., Apr. 7.—(Special)—Gilbert Cloonan, Supt. of Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall said last Monday that Paul Robeson's concert, scheduled for April 21, has been cancelled because it would not be consistent with the Memorial character of the building.

The official said the promoter of the concert had made no mention of Mr. Robeson's appearance when he engaged the hall.

Lee Mathews, local promoter who booked Mr. Robeson said he disagreed with his politics but believed the singer was being accepted again. He said he would try to engage another hall.

#### Haiti To Seek U. S. Loan

Washington, D. C., Apr. 7.—Haiti intends to seek a \$12,000,000 additional loan from the Export-Import Bank for the long-pending Artibonite power and irrigation project.

A mission will arrive in Washington this month, Senator Victor Nevers Constant, Government floor leader in the Haitian Senate, said at a news conference yesterday at the Overseas Press Club, 35 W. 39th Street. The United States bank has hitherto allocated \$27,000,000 for the stalled project, of which \$24,100,000 has been drawn. Senator Constant said the State Department had assured him that planning for new technical assistance projects would be resumed. He expressed hope that this would mean doubling the present rate, which has been running this year at about \$800,000 in United States grants.

#### Alexine Clement To Be June Bride



Mr. and Mrs. William A. Clement of Durham, North Carolina, have made known the engagement of their daughter, Helen Alexine, to Aaron Gordon Jackson of Jackson, Mississippi. The future bride graduated from Spelman College in 1956 and received her master's degree from the University of Iowa, Iowa City, in 1958. She is a soror of Delta Sigma Theta. Miss Clement is now employed as a speech therapist at the Rehabilitation Institute at Reisterstown, Maryland. Mr. Jackson is a graduate of Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia, Class of 1956. At present, he is a student in the School of Medicine, Howard University, Washington, D. C. He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha. The wedding is planned for June 21, 1958.

#### Supreme Court Affirms Suspended Sentence in "Baby-Sitter" Rape Case

The U. S. Supreme Court Monday affirmed the suspended five-year prison term given a prominent white attorney of Pascagoula, Bernard Gautier, on conviction for the rape of a young Negro baby sitter.

Attorneys for the prosecution

filed an appeal following the conviction carrying the suspended sentence.

The appeal was based on the contention that the circuit court jury did not have the authority to suspend the sentence.

#### NCNW CAMPAIGN GAINS SUPPORT

Washington, D. C.—Miss Dorothy I. Height, National President of the National Council of Negro Women announced today that 18 national affiliates, more than 60 member councils and the Life Members Guild have pledged nationwide support to the three-pronged Mobilization Campaign to be launched April 27, 1958.

This announcement followed a

planning meeting held March 31 during which the famous team of Daisy E. Lampkin and Mary White, Mobilization Co-Chairmen, met with Campaign Director, Dorothy C. Guinn and Executive Director, H. Elsie Austin in a planning session at the Council's Washington Headquarters.

Reviewing the enthusiastic re-

#### Sou. Presbyterian Church To Be Asked To Repudiate Liberal Race Stand

Charlotte, N. C.—The General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church will be asked late this month in effect, to repudiate the church's previous endorsement of a liberal approach to racial

problems. The assembly also will be asked to state its position on whether churches should permit their buildings to be used as private schools (Continued on Page Four)

#### Catholic Chapel Closed Because Of Negro Priest Ordered Reopened

New Orleans, April 4.—A Catholic chapel closed in 1955 by Archbishop Joseph F. Rummel after parishioners prevented a Negro priest from offering Mass will be reopened Easter Sunday.

Services at St. Cecilia's Mission Chapel, Jesuit Bend, La., 15 miles south of New Orleans, have been suspended since November, 1955. The Archbishop revealed his de-

cision to reopen the chapel after a multi-racial country, said Martin Lindsay, a Con-

#### Cong. Powell Faces Re-Election Fight With Tammany Hall

#### Bolted Party To Support Eisenhower Re-election In 1956

New York, April 7.—(Special)—Rev. Adam Clayton Powell, Harlem Negro Democrat Member of Congress started his re-election campaign last Wednesday in acknowledged fear that he faced a reckoning with Tammany Hall.

Tammany Hall is the powerful organization with a dominating influence in New York city as well as in national politics.

From the pulpit of the Metropolitan Baptist Church, the inde-

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#### Goldsby Denied Another Try For Freedom

Oxford, Miss., April 7.—(Special)—Robert Lee Goldsby, a Negro man sentenced to death for the slaying of a Mississippian has been denied another plea for freedom.

U. S. District Judge Claude Clayton ruled here last week that Goldsby is barred from raising the question in federal court that he was denied his civil rights in Mississippi state courts.

Goldsby was sentenced to death for the 1954 slaying of Mrs. Bryant Nels, at Vaiden, Miss.

Judge Clayton said Goldsby's attorneys failed to prove that there was a systematic exclusion of Negroes from grand or circuit jury service in the county where Goldsby was convicted.

Clayton also said there was proof that Goldsby was ably represented by counsel at the time of the preliminary hearing, arraignment, and the appeals to the Mississippi Supreme Court, and the Federal Court of Appeals.

The jury question was argued (Continued on Page Seven)

#### Negro Gets New Trial In Slaying Of Cafe Owner

The State Supreme Court, Monday, ordered a new trial for Tolbert "Buddy" McKenzie, 21-year-old Negro, who was convicted and sentenced to death in the 1956 Christmas Eve slaying of J. J. Jones, a White man during a hold-up of a Newton Cafe.

The court threw out the conviction and the death sentence because the nine attorneys appointed to defend McKenzie did not seek to confer with him until the day of the trial.

A new trial was ordered in the case.

One Negro man, Joe Louis Thompson, 20, has already been executed in connection with the hold-up slaying.

#### 332 Registered For NHA Confab At Alcorn

Alcorn College, Miss., April 9.—They are here from Lafayette's cultured hills to the Zephyr-fanned shores of Biloxi Bay and from the Oak-covered banks of the mighty Mississippi to red clay hills of the Alabama line.

The talent show took the spot light during the evening. It was an exhibition of talent Mississippi and the Nation share in deep pride. For those girls were worthy of our finer heritage and did themselves great for Mrs. Z. P. Price, State Advisor; the members of the Advisory Board, and Advisors of the local chapters of N.H.A., scattered throughout the state.

The very atmosphere responded to their theme: "The New Look Through N.H.A." These young (Continued on Page Eight)

#### REPORTS SAY GOV. EXPRESSED FEAR THAT NEGRO QUESTION HAS PUT A CURSE ON STATE

#### Lead Opposition To Bill To Give Money To Citizens Councils

#### Given Power To Close Schools To Halt Efforts At Integration



INVITES PUBLIC: Dr. J. H. White, President of MVC College at Itta Bena, Miss., extend an invitation to the public to 8th Anniversary Program Sunday featuring speech by A. Boyd Campbell, former President U. S. Chamber of Commerce.

The Negro question, from measures adopted during the past few days, and others yet to be considered, was still holding in its grip the state legislature, now in regular session year, a circumstance, according to reports from reliable sources, which prompted Governor J. P. Coleman to express the fear that preoccupation with the Negro question has put a "curse" on the state.

According to reports the Governor expressed the fear that the Negro question has put a "curse" on the state while testifying to a closed door session of the Senate Judiciary Committee considering a house bill to give state tax money to the white Citizens Councils.

The Governor is reported to have said further in respect to the Citizens Council bill, "Sometimes I think we are repeating, step by step, the same performance that destroyed us before. If this bill is passed and disaster befalls, then some wise man will point it out as the first step. The preservation of the sovereignty of the State Commerce." (Continued on Page Four)

#### LITTLE ROCK GETS NEW PLAN FOR SCHOOL INTEGRATION

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—A simple plan under which an interracial committee would advise Arkansas school districts on the speed of desegregation was outlined Monday by insurance executive Herbert L. Thomas, Sr., of Little Rock.

It would keep the eight Negro students in Central High School here at least until the end of the current term.

Thomas told the State Education Board the proposal would work on

a purely voluntary basis. He said the state-sponsored committee would operate "with tremendous moral persuasion toward improved race relationships."

He said it could be offered in federal court here in reference to the integration stalemate.

Thomas said he had not asked Gov. Orval Faubus to accept the plan which is designed to solve the integration crisis here and set (Continued on Page Four)

#### VIRGINIA CO. ASKS REVERSAL OF INTEGRATION RULING

Washington, Apr. 2.—School authorities of Arlington County, Va., asked the Supreme Court today to reverse a ruling that would allow seven Negro pupils to attend white public schools.

Attorneys for the pupils' parents have 30 days to reply. The court then will decide whether to hear the case and hand down a written opinion.

The high tribunal has not accepted a school segregation case

for review since its decisions on the subject in 1954 and 1955. Should it do so in the Virginia case, arguments would not take place until next term.

The long Arlington fight involves Virginia's "massive resistance" to integration. A Federal District judge ordered the county to admit the Negroes by last Sept. 23. The order was never carried out because of an appeal by the school board.

#### NASHVILLE OFFERS GRADE-A-YR. SCHOOL DESEGREGATION PLAN

Nashville, Tenn., April 7.—The Nashville School Board will submit to federal court a grade-a-year desegregation plan whereby compulsory racial segregation in public schools will be abolished in 1963.

The plan, passed by a 7-1 vote, will be offered for final approval to United States District Judge William E. Miller, under whose orders the first grades here were desegregated last fall.

The dissenting vote was cast by Coyness Ennis, the sole Negro member of the board. He said he felt the plan was too slow.

Under the board's proposal, compulsory segregation will be extend-

ed to the second grade this fall and move up one grade a year until the 12th grade is desegregated in the fall of 1968.

The first day of desegregated schooling last fall was marked by violence capped by the midnight bombing of Hattie Cotton Grammar School. There were no disorders after the opening week. Seven Negro first graders still attend formerly all-white classes. Five others transferred back to Negro schools.

The board was under orders from Judge Miller to submit by April 7 a plan for desegregating the remain-

#### Conference On Southern Negro Voting Restrictions To Be Held In Washington

Washington, D. C., April 7.—Leaders in the effort to wipe out voting restrictions maintained against Negroes in southern states will report on their respective states at a one-day conference to be held here at the Asbury Methodist Church (11th & K, N.W.) Sunday, April 27. Keynote speaker for the conference will be Aubrey W. Williams, long-time advocate of human rights and editor of the Southern Farm and Home, Montgomery, Ala.

Heading the list of those scheduled to report is Charles G. Schillion, faculty member at Tuskegee

Institute and president of the Tuskegee Civic Association. Mr. Schillion will give highlights of the development that focused national attention there earlier this year.

Others reporting will be the Rev. Ben F. Wyland, Fla., executive secretary of Florida Council for Racial Cooperation and former executive secretary of the St. Petersburg Council of Churches; Austin W. Walden, Ga., an Atlanta attorney who has figured in many civil rights and voting rights legal cases; Kenneth J. Walker, La., (Continued on Page Six)